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1. Almost every person in Romania who still possesses a short wave radio (the new Soviet radios sold have only medium and long wave bands) spend their evenings, if free of other obligations, in listening to Western broadcasts. These broadcasts are also closely followed by the Communists with great interest.
2. The broadcasts of the Voice of America are widely listened to in Romania. The Voice of America is received very clearly in Romania despite the jamming by the Iancabesti station.
3. Radio Madrid is also listened to with great interest because of its energetic broadcasts. Radio Madrid has started a series of broadcasts in which the evils of Communism are expressed. These series of broadcasts have had a good deal of success, and influence even the Communists themselves who are afraid to listen lest they hear their own names and the details of their criminal actions unfolded for all the world to hear.
4. Radio Paris is listened to because of its intellectual broadcasts. The BBC and Radio Ankara are followed with little interest.

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